

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments do not introduce new matter.

Applicants request that the Examiner enter the amendment prior to continuing examination of the application. Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance, and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted, and
S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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